



# Department of Pesticide Regulation



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**TO:** Pest Control Business Licensees, Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business Licensees, and Agricultural Pest Control Advisers (Category D–Vertebrate Pests)

**SUBJECT:** NEW LEGISLATION EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION LICENSEES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TRAPPING LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Effective January 1, 2007, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) licensees will be exempt from obtaining a Department of Fish and Game (DFG) license when trapping mice, rats, voles, moles, or gophers.

For all other fur-bearing or nongame mammals, DPR licensees that perform pest control for hire are required by law to obtain a separate DFG trapping license. For example, if a property owner hires a pest control business to trap wildlife mammals such as squirrels, opossums, or raccoons, then the business employee who does the trapping will need to obtain a separate DFG trapping license.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2002, the California State Legislature passed a law that requires a DFG trapping license for “persons providing trapping services for profit” (Senate Bill 1645, Chapter 571, Statutes of 2002). DFG then proposed a regulatory package to carry out the new law.

DFG’s regulatory package interpreted the new law as requiring DPR and the Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB) licensees to obtain a DFG trapping license when performing pest control for hire. DPR and SPCB maintained this requirement was duplicative by requiring two licenses (a DFG trapping license and a DPR or SPCB pest control license) to provide the same trapping services.

After a series of other bills that temporarily went through the California State Legislature, Assembly Bill 87 (Chapter 406, Statutes of 2006) recently passed that now exempts DPR and SPCB licensees from DFG’s trapping license requirement when trapping mice, rats, voles, moles, or gophers. The trapping of all other fur-bearing or nongame wildlife mammals requires a DFG trapping license.



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## **WEB SITES**

General trapping information, including a section on trapping laws and regulations, can be found on DFG's Web site at <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/specialpermits/trapguide.html>>.

The requirements for obtaining a trapping license can be found on DFG's Web site at <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1389c.pdf>>.

The requirements for renewing a trapping license can be found on DFG's Web site at <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1389b.pdf>>.

## **ENCLOSURES**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the recently passed legislation (Assembly Bill 87, Chapter 406, Statutes of 2006) and a Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information on DFG's trapping license requirement, please feel free to contact Mr. Jesus Garcia, DFG Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (916) 445-3709, or e-mail him at <[jgarcia@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia@dfg.ca.gov)>. For all other questions, please contact Mr. Mac Takeda, of my staff, at (916) 445-3838, or e-mail him at <[mtakeda@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:mtakeda@cdpr.ca.gov)>.

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